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INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AQUINO VISIT DAKAR

REF: A. ROME 6202 B. STATE 14301 C. STATE 100154

1) FYI AFTER RECENT VISIT GUINEA BISSAU, AQUINO DISCUSSED DIRE NEED OF FOOD THAT COUNTRY WITH RFFPO. WE RECOMMENDED IF NEED WAS AS URGENT AS HE EXPRESSED THAT WFP APPROACH BRITISH GOVT AND MALIAN GOVT TO ATTEMPT BORROW 8000 MTS BRITISH CORN PRESENTLY AWAITING SHIPMENT TO BAMAKO.

2) FURTHER ADVISED HIM THAT SINCE PRESENTLY THERE ARE 19,000 MTS GRAIN IN MALIAN FREE ZONE AND RATE OF EVACUATION PAST 6 MOS AVERAGING ONLY 4000 MTS PER MO TO BAMAKO, IF OTHER GOVTS AGREED ON THIS EMERG. TYPE LOAN, THE BRITISH CORN COULD BE REPLACED AT A LATER DATE. AQUINO ADVISED HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS APPROACH.

3) FOR MALI PER REFTTEL (C) AID/W ADVISED 4000 MTS BULK SORGHUM LOADING JUN 1/10 FOR SHIPMENT DAKAR FOR MALI. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RECOMMEND URGING GOM INCREASE REQUESTS FOR GRAIN PRIORITY ON RR. EEC ALSO HAS SCHEDULED ADDITIONAL 10,000 MTS GRAIN AND DSM FOR DELIVERY DAKAR THIS MO. FURTHERMORE, ALTHOUGH OSRO RECENT

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SHIPPING REPORTS SHOW ONLY ONE COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF 5000 MTS

RICE FOR MALIAN GOVT, NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE OTHER ARRIVALS
NEAR FUTURE.SUGGEST YOU ATTEMPT ASCERTAIN WHEN THESE WILL ARRIVE
DAKAR AS WISH TO AVOID ANOTHER LARGE BOTTLENECK AS WE HAD LAST
JUN. ADVISE.
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